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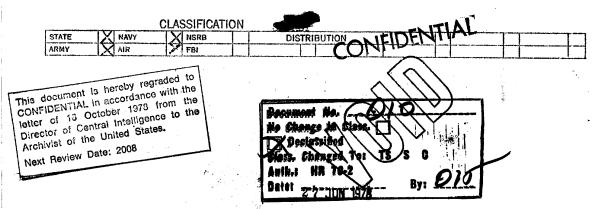
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- South of Kudowa Zdroj (Bad Reinerz P51/H13), in the direction of the Czechoslovakian frontier, on either side of a poorly maintained road between the villages of Graniczna (Grenzendorf) and Zielonka (Grünvald), are six lignite coal mines in which the Russians have stored many thousand tons of liquid fuel. The fuel, mostly gasoline, is suitable for motor vehicles but not for airplanes. In 1948 the Russians constructed concrete reservoirs in some of the mines, equipped others with iron reservoirs, and installed pumps of various kinds. Fuel to fill these reservoirs was transported via the Klodzko (Glatz) - Kudowa Zdroj railroad line and tank-trucks, in an operation which was extended over the entire year of 1949 in order not to arouse suspicion. No gasoline has been transported in 1950. Since each mine is reported to hold 6,000 tons, an estimated total of 35,000 to 40,000 tons of gasoline are stored there. The mines are well camouflaged from the air, fenced with barbed wire, and guarded by Soviet sentries. The frontier in this sector is guarded by the Polish Outpost No. 52, part of the "Match Section" (Straznica) of the M.O.P. (the military frontier guard) at Kudowa Zdroj.
- A single-track railway line runs parallel to the highway leading from Kudowa Zdroj to Zielonka. No reference to this line is made on any timetable of the Polish railways, and it is barred to all civilian traffic. The only inhabitants of the two villages, Graniczna and Zielonka, are Russian troops and Polish W.O.F. units, the latter belonging to the 11th W.O.F. brigade at Khedzko.
- Since 1948, in the scattered forests between Klodawa (353/059) and Krosniewice (Q53/079), the Soviets have constructed underground dumps for the storage of liquid motor fuel. One of these dumps is located not far north of Krosnievice on both sides of the road, in the vicinity of Ostrow and Wlodarza. Another is located north of Klodawa, near Dzierza. The dumps are estimated to hold 4,000 tons of liquid fuel, are excellently camouflaged, surrounded with barbed wire,



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and guarded by a company of the K.B.W. (Korpus Bezpieczenstwa Wewnetrznego - the Security Corps). Asphalt roads, camouflaged a muddy green, lead to the dumps, and the fuel is transported to the dumps in tank trucks.

Shetch of the Kudowa Zdroj area showing Soviet fuel dumps in unused lignite mines

